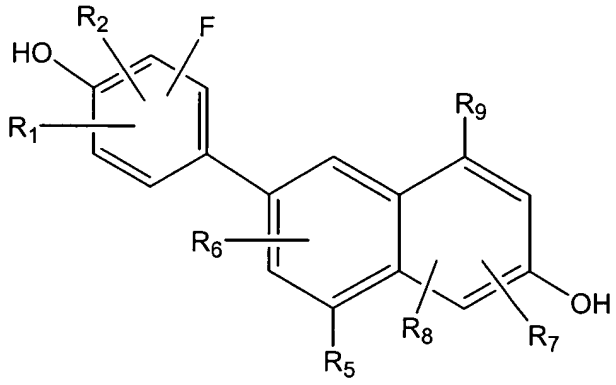
In the Claims:

Please amend the claims according to the current claim listing provided below.

1. – 24. (cancelled)

25. (previously presented) A method of treating or inhibiting endometriosis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises providing to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of formula I, having the structure



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wherein

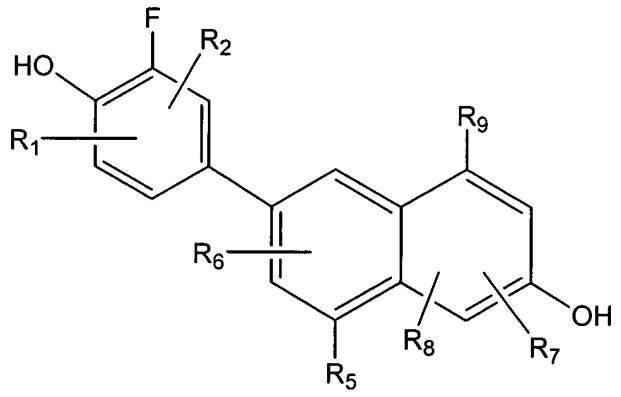
R_1 and R_2 are each, independently, selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl of 1-6 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 2-7 carbon atoms, and alkynyl of 2-7 carbon atoms, alkoxy of 1-6 carbon atoms, or halogen;

R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, and R_9 are each, independently, hydrogen, alkyl of 1-6 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 2-7 carbon atoms, alkynyl of 2-7 carbon atoms, halogen, alkoxy of 1-6 carbon atoms, -CN, -CHO, trifluoromethyl, phenylalkyl of 7-12 carbon atoms, phenyl, or a 5 or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from O, N or S; wherein the alkyl or alkenyl moieties of R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, or R_9 is optionally substituted with hydroxyl, -CN, halogen, trifluroalkyl, trifluoroalkoxy, $-NO_2$, or phenyl; wherein the phenyl moiety of R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, or R_9 is optionally mono-, di-, tri-substituted with alkyl of 1-6 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 2-7 carbon atoms, halogen, hydroxyl, alkoxy of 1-6 carbon atoms, halogen, -CN, $-NO_2$, amino, alkylamino of 1-6 carbon atoms, dialkylamino of 1-6 carbon atoms per alkyl group, thio, alkylthio of 1-6

carbon atoms, alkylsulfinyl of 1-6 carbon atoms, alkylsulfonyl of 1-6 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonyl of 2-7 carbon atoms, alkylcarbonyl of 2-7 carbon atoms, or benzoyl; with the proviso that at least one of R_5 or R_9 is not hydrogen, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

26. (cancelled)

27. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein said compound has the structure:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

28. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein the 5 or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from O, N or S is furan, thiophene, or pyridine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

29. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, and R_9 are each, independently, hydrogen, halogen, -CN, or alkynyl of 2-7 carbon atoms or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

30. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein R_6, R_7, and R_8 are hydrogen, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

31. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein said compound is 8-fluoro-6-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-naphthol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

32. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein said compound is 1-chloro-8-fluoro-6-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-naphthol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 33. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein said compound is 3-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-7-hydroxy-1-naphthonitrile or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 34. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein said compound is 3-(3,5-difluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-7-hydroxy-1-naphthonitrile or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.